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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q67547

Masashi NAKATSUKA, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1624

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Examiner: John M. Ford

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For: HETEROAROMATIC RING COMPOUNDS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Response to Election of Species Requirement is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003. Applicants elect the compound of Example 51 (pages 98 to 99 of the present specification).

I. Election of Species

The Examiner requests that Applicants identify a single heterocyclic ring. The Examiner indicates that Claim 1 is too broad.

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect the compound of Example 51. Claims 1-9 and 12-14 are readable on the elected species.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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